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2. Foreign Ships Calling at Gdynia-Gdansk
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1. According to new regulations, all Polish ships which load coal [redacted] are directed to Szczecin (Stettin) for coal. Before, during and even after Easter, there were a large number of ships at Szczecin. Many ships had to wait up to six days and more before they could get coal. There are no stocks of coal on hand, and the current shipments of coal by rail cannot sufficiently meet the demand. 25X1
2. The catastrophe which took place at the Barbara coal mine at Chorzow,¹ near Katowice, when some 700 men lost their lives, has resulted in the miners in all the other coal mines becoming very careful. When the state is not in a position to provide them with the most elementary work safety, they must take matters in their own hands. The fire, which took place in the Barbara coal mine, lead to such a catastrophe because of defects in and negligence of the precautionary measures. A large decrease in the entire coal production has made itself felt. 25X1
3. In the Gdynia and Gdansk harbors, coal is supplied principally to Soviet ships, as well as other foreign ships [redacted] 25X1
4. Since the beginning of March, considerably more foreign ships have been coming to Gdynia-Gdansk [redacted] 25X1

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